

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, Committees Funding Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2723–S2873*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 448–463 and S. Res. 66–67.

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**Measures Passed:**

**Committees Funding Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003, October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004, and October 1, 2004, through February 28, 2005.

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**Nomination Considered:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 12 noon, on Thursday, February 27, 2003.

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**Motion To Request Attendance:** During today's proceedings, by 73 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 36), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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**Motion To Request Attendance:** During today's proceedings, by 74 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 37), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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**Appointment:**

**Antitrust Modernization Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–273, announced the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Antitrust Modernization Commission: Steve Cannon, of

Virginia, and Makan Delrahim, of the District of Columbia.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37)

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**Quorum Calls:** Two quorum calls were taken today. (Total—3)

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:08 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2003, until 12 noon, on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2872.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### POST-CONFLICT IRAQ

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to discuss the planning for post-conflict Iraq and potential U.S. military operations in the Philippines from Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Ryan Crocker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine reform proposals for the Federal Deposit Insurance System, focusing on benefits and costs of deposit insurance, impact of mergers and consolidations between banks and thrifts, fund management, and premium pricing issues, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Donald E. Powell, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Peter R. Fisher, Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency, and James E. Gilleran, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, all of the Department of the Treasury.

**2004 BUDGET: MEDICARE AND MEDICAID**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget proposal for Medicare and Medicaid, enhancing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Foster Care, and strengthening the Child Support Enforcement Program, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**SUV SAFETY**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine issues involving Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) safety, including data relating to vehicle rollovers, crash compatibility, and seatbelt use, receiving testimony from Jeffrey W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Joan B. Claybrook, Public Citizen, former Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, and Christopher Tinto, Toyota Motor North America, both of Washington, D.C.; R. David Pittle, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York; Brian O'Neill, Insurance Institute For Highway Safety, Arlington, Virginia; Robert C. Lange, General Motors Corporation, Warren, Michigan; and Susan Cischke, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park;

S. 302, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of Cali-

fornia, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area; and

S. 426, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission.

Also, Committee approved the views and estimates of the Committee with respect to those portions of the budget for fiscal year 2004 within their jurisdiction.

**2004 BUDGET: EPA**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee began markup of an original bill entitled "Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2003," but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**TERRORIST THREAT INTEGRATION CENTER**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposal to create a Terrorist Threat Integration Center, to consolidate terrorist-related intelligence, after receiving testimony from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Pasquale J. D'Amuro, Executive Assistant Director for Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and Winston P. Wiley, Associate Director, Central Intelligence for Homeland Security, Central Intelligence Agency, all on behalf of the Senior Steering Group.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 162, to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; and

S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona.

**2004 BUDGET: INDIAN AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for Fiscal Year 2004 for Indian Programs, after receiving testimony from Tex Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Russell Sossamon, National American Indian Housing Council, and Gary Edwards, National Native American Law Enforcement Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Julia Davis-Wheeler, National Indian Health Board, and Kay Culbertson, Indian Health and Family Services, on behalf of the National Council of Urban Indian Health, both of Denver, Colorado; John Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ron McNeil, Sitting Bull College,

Fort Yates, North Dakota, on behalf of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

**2004 BUDGET: VETERANS' PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for Fiscal Year 2004 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on health care system priorities, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Philip Wilkerson, American Legion, Dennis Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 35 public bills, H.R. 918–952; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 56 and H. Res. 100, 104–108, were introduced. **Pages H1394–96**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1396**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 258, to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, amended (H. Rept. 108–20); and

H. Res. 105, providing for consideration of H.R. 534, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning (H. Rept. 108–21). **Page H1394**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Terry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1337**

**Committee Election—Minority Members:** The House agreed to H. Res. 104, electing Representative Lucas of Kentucky to the Committee on Agriculture (to rank immediately after Representative Boswell); Representative Kind to the Committee on the Budget; Delegate Norton to the Committee on Government Reform (to rank immediately after Representative Ruppertsberger); Delegate Christensen (to rank immediately after Representative Ryan of Ohio), Representative Davis of Illinois (to rank immediately after Delegate Christensen), Representative Gonzalez (to rank immediately after Representative Davis of Illinois), and Representative Majette (to rank immediately after Delegate Bordallo).

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and Commending Abraham Lincoln's Efforts to End Slavery:*** H. Con. Res. 36, encouraging the people of the United States to honor and celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery (agreed to by yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 35); **Pages H1338–41, H1356**

***Emergency Securities Response Act:*** H.R. 657, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to augment the emergency authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission; **Pages H1341–43**

***North American Development Bank Reauthorization:*** H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank; **Pages H1343–51**

***American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity:*** H.R. 258, amended, to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (agreed to by yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 36); and

**Pages H1351–54, H1356–57**

***Navy Commander Willie McCool Elementary/Middle School in Apra Heights, Guam:*** H.R. 672, amended, to rename the Guam South Elementary/